Tapping of Capital Market by IA

639. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had permitted Indian Airlines to tap capital market to explore and augment its resources to take it out of the red; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the steps since taken by Indian Airlines in this direction and how far the financial position of IA has since improved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Six.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement of Civil Aviation in NE Region

640. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of salient observations made in the Task Force Report on improvement of Civil Aviation amenities in the North-East region;

(b) the details of action taken so far on various recommendations of the task force;

(c) whether no provision of aero-bridges and Central Air-conditioning facilities in the newly constructed terminal building at Guwahati airport was made; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Task Force has, *inter-alia,* recommended improvement of infrastructure, navigational aids, approach roads to

airports and provision of Night Landing Facilities etc. at Agartala, Dibrugarh, Imphal, Lilabari, Tezpur, Shillong, Guwahati and Jorhat airports in the North Eastern region.

(b) The recommendations have been sent to all concerned including the State Governments and follow-up action is being monitored.

(c) and (d) Existing passenger traffic and anticipated growth in the near future does not warrant providing aero-bridge at Guwahati Airport. Regarding air-conditioning, as per earlier plan only the security area of the Guwahati airport was to be airconditioned. Subsequently, however, it has been decided to aircondition other areas *viz.* departure and arrival lounges, main concourse etc. also.

Poor Condition of Runways at Delhi and Mumbai Airports

641. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that runways at Delhi and Mumbai airports have been deteriorated and that both Indian and Foreign pilots have shown concern in landing the aircrafts;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the laxity in maintaining the standards of runways at the airports endangering the safe landing of the aircrafts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, some pilots had expressed concern before monsoon on the friction co-efficient value of the main runway at Mumbai. The friction co-efficient was checked and found to be within the permissible limits. Re-surfacing of the runways at Delhi is being undertaken as part of CAT III project.

Implementation of Civil Aviation Policy

†642. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completely implemented the Indian Civil Aviation Policy which was finalised last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of this policy;

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